(i) The Nurses Hostel cum training Centre has been completed at a cost of Rs. 125.00 lakhs and inaugurated on 26th November, 1999.

(j) Cobalt Therapy Unit placed in Shillong Civil Hospital is proposed to be reactivated at an estimated cost of Rs. 20.00 lakhs.

(4) It is proposed to add another 200 beds to the Shillong Civil Hospital and the Ganesh Das Hospital. It is also proposed to upgrade Jowai Civil Hospital and Tura Civil Hospital from 100 to 200 capacity hospitals. It is also proposed to upgrade the Nongstoin, Williamnagar, and Nongpoh CHCs to 100 bedded hospitals. New Machines have also been procured for installation at Jowai, Nongstoin, Mairang, Nongpoh, Williamnagar, Tura and Baghmara.

(5) It is also proposed to set up a Blood Bank in each of the district hospitals viz. Jowai, Nongstoin, Nongpoh, Williamnagar, Baghmara, Tura and Shillong Civil Hospital.

(6) It is also proposed to establish a medical college at an estimated cost of Rs. 205.00 crores.

(7) It is also proposed to install incinerators in all the district hospitals and construction of modern post mortem sheds in all the district hospitals.

Unrecognised Nursing Homes

†1014. SHRI D.P. YADAV: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that unrecognised nursing homes are working in many parts of the country, including the capital, which are charging money from patients arbitrarily and are exploiting them economically;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government against such nursing homes; and

(c) if no, action has been taken against them, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) to (c) 'Health' is a

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

State subject under the Constitution. The functions of the private hospitals/ nursing homes in the States are regulated by the respective State Governments according to the provisions of the rules/laws effective in the State concerned.

The Government of NCT of Delhi has informed that they are aware of the existence of the unregistered nursing homes in Delhi. Notices have been issued to such nursing homes directing them to fulfil the required standards as laid down in Delhi Nursing Homes Registration Act, 1953. Government of NCT of Delhi has constituted a Committee for suggesting suitable amendments in the statue for empowering the Government so that effective and exemplary action could be taken to curb the menace.

Health Care Facilities

1015. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: (a) whether Government are aware of the poor health care facilities in the tribal areas in the country, particularly in Orissa;

(b) whether any effort is being made by the Government to provide adequate health care facilities in those areas; and

(c) the details of the proposal mooted by Government in that regard in the Ninth Five year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) and (b) The health infrastructure available in the tribal areas in Orissa is by and large in accordance with the norms of Government of India and State Government.

(c) In Orissa, an outlay of Rs. 8,108.87 lakhs has been proposed for Tribal sub-plan during the 9th plan period.

The various central government health programme in the tribal areas are as under:

(i) The Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programme is being implemented with DANIDA assistance in a phased manner in the tribal districts of Orissa.

(ii) Under the National Anti Malaria Programme the Enhanced Malaria Control Project (EMCP) has been launched with World Bank support for 100 tribal districts of seven states wherein 22 districts of Orissa have been included.